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SUBJ: CARLETONVILLE INCIDENT

FOLLOWING TEXT INCLUDED IN APARTHEID COMITE PRESS RELEASE  
OF SEPT 24:

LETTER FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL

THE LETTER FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM, IN RESPONSE TO  
THE CHAIRMAN'S LETTER ON THE CARLETONVILLE INCIDENT, WAS  
READ OUT TO THE COMMITTEE, AND THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
WAS ASKED TO GIVE FULL PUBLICITY TO IT.

THE TEXT OF THE LETTER, DATED 21 SEPTEMBER, READS AS FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER  
OF 19 SEPTEMBER 1973 IN WHICH YOU INFORM ME OF THE OUTCOME  
OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID  
REGARDING THE RECENT KILLING OF AFRICAN MINERS AT CARLETONVILLE,  
SOUTH AFRICA.

"IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER I ARRANGED A  
MEETING, WHICH TOOK PLACE LATE YESTERDAY, WITH THE  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH AFRICA. I INFORMED AMBASSADOR  
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VON HIRSCHBERG OF THE FULL CONTENTS OF YOUR LETTER AND IT

REITERATED TO HIM THE EXPRESSION OF MY DEEP REGRET AND SHOCK AT THE INCIDENT. THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME THAT IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY HIS MISSION IN THE PRESS RELEASE DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 1973, HIS PRIME MINISTER HAS ORDERED THAT A JUDICIAL INQUIRY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH FULL SPEED AND THAT, IF THE RESULTS OF THIS SO REQUIRE, FURTHER NECESSARY INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT THE POLICE IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE STRICT ORDERS TO USE FORCE 'ONLY AS A LAST RESORT AND IN DEFENCE OF LIFE'.

"I ASKED AMBASSADOR VON HIRSCHBERG TO ASCERTAIN FROM HIS GOVERNMENT WHETHER IT WOULD ACCEPT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INQUIRY TO BE UNDERTAKEN OR WHETHER IT WOULD AGREE TO AN OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THE REQUEST TO HIS GOVERNMENT. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE REFERRED TO A PRESS REPORT ATTRIBUTING TO HIS PRIME MINISTER THE POSITION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ACCEPT PARTICIPATION OF A UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE INQUIRY.

"IN DISCUSSING OTHER COURSES OF ACTION, THE AMBASSADOR ALSO PROMISED TO ASCERTAIN FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, THE POSSIBILITY OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BEING PRESENT AS AN OBSERVER AT THE INVESTIGATION TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

"I EXPECT A REPLY FROM AMBASSADOR VON HIRSCHBERG IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND I SHALL NOT FAIL TO CONVEY ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE."  
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